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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: FRELIMO-PORTUGUES TALKS

1. "FINAL" PORTUGUESE-FRELIMO TALKS AT STATE HOUSE COMMENCED ON SCHEDULE YESTERDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, AMID MUTUAL PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF GOODWILL AND GENERAL ASSUMPTION THAT MEETING ESSENTIALLY FOR PURPOSES OF RATIFYING AGREEMENTS ALREADY REACHED IN DAR AND ELSEWHERE TO FORM FRELIMO-DOMINATED PROVISIONAL MOZAMBIKAN GOVERNMENT SEPTEMBER 25 PREPARATORY TO ATTAINMENT OF FULL INDEPENDENCE MID-1975.

2. IN WELCOMING CONFEREES AT STATE HOUSE, PRESIDENT KUANDA SAID "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT DECLARATION OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT INTENT TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO ITS AFRICAN TERRITORIES WILL BE FULFILLED
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AND IN FULL MEASURE... WE BELIEVE YOU ARE COMMITTED

TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE, FREEDOM, AND JUSTICE AND YOU
WILL FULFILL THIS NOBLE CAUSE."

3. PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES SAID PORTUGAL
HAD RECOGNIZED INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND
"IT WILL BE SAME INDEPENDENCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE IN
THIS MEETING." HE PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO KAUNDA AND
HIS CONTRIBUTION TO SUCCESS OF FRELIMO-PORTUGUESE
TALKS.

4. FRELIMO'S PRESIDENT MACHEL DECLARED PORTUGUESE
COLONIALISM IN MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE BURIED FOREVER
IN LUSAKA. HE LOOKED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS
OF EQUALITY BETWEEN PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE AND "OUR
TRUE ALLIES" THE PEOPLE OF PORTUGAL,
BOTH PEOPLES HAVING SUFFERED UNDER FACISM FOR MANY
GENERATIONS. "WE CAME HERE WITH OPEN MIND AND I
AM SURE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION ALSO CAME WITH OPEN
MIND."

5. EARLIER IN DAY IN RESPONSE TO AIRPORT PRESS
CONFERENCE QUESTION ABOUT LISBON ATTITUDE TOWARD
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA,
SOARES REPORTEDLY SAID AS LONG AS PORTUGAL HAD
AUTHORITY OVER MOZAMBIQUE IN TRANSITION PERIOD,
IT WILL GUARANTEE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROTECTION
OF MOZAMBIQUE; IT WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF NEIGHBORS. UPON RELINQUISHMENT OF POWER
TO FRELIMO, "IT WILL BE UP TO FRELIMO AND
MOZAMBIQUE."

6. ASKED WHETHR HE PLANNED MEET WITH MPLA REPS
DURING LUSAKA STAY, SOARES REPLIED IN NEGATIVE BUT ADDED
"OUR POLICY IS NEVER TO REFUSE DIALOGUE WITH LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS AT ANY TIME."

7. CITING REUTERS AS SOLE AUTHORITY AND WITHOUT
COMMENT, PRESS BRIEFLY REPORTS JARDIM ALSO IN TOWN
FOR TALKS WITH BOTH FRELIMO AND ZAMBIANS. (WE
UNABLE SO FAR DEFINITELY CONFIRM JARDIM PRESENCE.)
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